

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph at page 2, pre-numbered line 1:

This is a division of application serial no. 09/954,130 filed September 17, 2001, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, pre-numbered line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIGURES 1 and 2, a fiber optic connector assembly 10 is shown as comprising an optical ferrule 12 of the type sometimes referred to in the industry as an MT ferrule installed on the end of a cable 14 carrying multiple fiber optic communication elements 17 (not shown in FIGURES 1-2) and an optoelectronic subassembly 16 which operates as a transceiver for either transmitting or receiving light (photonic) signals and converting these signals to or from electrical signals. The subassembly 16 includes a small printed circuit board (PCB) 18 having an edge connector 20 with connection pads 25 on both sides which can be plugged into a jack 22 (in phantom) mounted on a circuit board 24 (in phantom) of a computer or communications system to or from which data can then be relayed over the cable 14 through the subassembly 16. The ferrule 12 and subassembly 16 are adapted for interconnection when the proximal end 26 of the ferrule 12 is inserted and latched within a cavity 28 in the subassembly 16. The ferrule 12 and subassembly 16 are then positioned and aligned so that optical signals can be transmitted either to or from the ferrule 12 and from or to the subassembly 16 for enabling data flow between the cable ~~16~~ 14 and printed circuit board 24 (in phantom).